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EXPERTS CHALLENGE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON SECRET U.S. POLICIES

Former CIA agents, lawyers, Phd's, and distinguished scholars challenge Presidential Candidates to address U.S. secret policies, domestically and internationally (i.e. suspension of the US Constitution, drug-smuggling, IRAN-CONTRA coverup) at a press conference on January 9th, 1:00 pm at Hawthorn Hill, 921 Pleasant Street in Des Moines, Iowa.

In July, these and other concerned citizens formed the Association for Responsible Dissent (ARDIS). The association contends that the failure to address "covert-action", particularly in the wake of the IRAN-CONTRA scandal has not only damaged our national security, but is detrimental to all US citizens and allies who desire a legal and humane intelligence policy that would collect and analyze information in the interest and defense of the United States.

ARDIS will be staging a series of "Citizens Hearings", beginning in Iowa, then New Hampshire, then throughout the nation designed to inform the American people on past and present secret US wars and policies, and their devastating effects on US society. The hearing will be held on Sunday Jan. 10th, 7 pm at Hawthorn Hill, 921 Pleasant Street in Des Moines, Iowa.

Participants will include:

John Stockwell - Chief of the CIA's task force in Angola, and has delivered nearly 500 lectures on the secret wars of the CIA.

Brian Wilson, ESQ - US Army security officer in Vietnam who helped organize the Nuremburg Protests at the Concord Naval Weapons Station where he was run down by a munitions train and lost his legs in August of 1987.

Dr. Daniel Ellsberg - made public the Pentagon Papers that rallied strong resistance to the Vietnam war.

Dr. Margaret Brenam-Gibson, PhD - a professor of psychiatry at Harvard University Medical School-author of numerous books and studies, currently researching psychological profiles of the world's bomb makers.

Verne Lyon - recruited on the Iowa State University campus, served as deep cover agent in Cuba, served six years in Leavenworth federal prison due to CIA entrapment. Now works with refugees from US covert policies in Central America.

David MacMichael, PhD - former US Marine Corps officer, CIA official from 81-83, testified before the World Court trial of NICARAGUA vs the US.

Col. Phil Roettinger - (USMC retired) CIA case officer, helped overthrow Guatemalan president Jacobo Arbenz in 1954, recently returned from Nicaragua documenting CONTRA cease-fire violations.

Shirley Knight - actress, TONY Award winner, twice nominated for an Academy Award, has been travelling across the nation for the last 18 months starring in the play "The Depot" directed by Joanne Woodward, won the "Best Actress" Award at the Venice film festival.

Peter Dale Scott - currently professor at the University of California, Berkley, co-author of "The Iran-Contra Connection" and has written numerous articles on issues related to covert operations.